

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The applicant submits this statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98. This statement is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 within three months of the filing date of the present application.

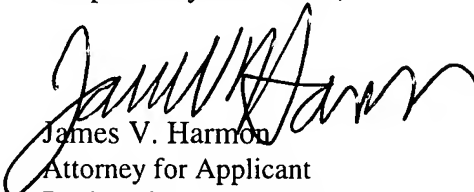
English Language Documents Submitted:

<u>U.S. Patents</u>		<u>Publications</u>
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3,294,355	6,241,210	US 2002/0166939
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As the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A are in English, under 37C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(3), no further commentary is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO/SB/08 with initials or other appropriate marks.

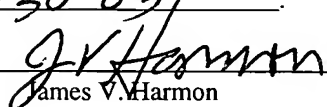
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